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kind at his home. During their reminiscences, Gogoberidze remarked: "I remember that Swedish fellow Wallenberg? When I left he was still sitting there in prison." If he is still alive, Wallenberg would be 60 years old and would have spent more than half his life in the Soviet prison system.

WHAT WAS his crime? As a 31-year-old diplomat assigned to the Swedish embassy in Budapest, Wallenberg issued special Swedish passports to thousands of Hungarian Jews destined for shipment to the Nazis' extermination camps. He also bought houses in Budapest with his own money, had them declared Swedish embassy property and used them as safe houses for Jews awaiting escape.

KALINSKI TOLD US that in 1951 he was joined by a new cellmate, David Vendrovsky, a former Jewish Telegraph Agency reporter. Vendrovsky had been transferred from confinement two cells away, where his cellmate had been Wallenberg and a former Latvian cabinet minister.

He told his cellmate Vendrovsky years later that he had been taken to Moscow, interrogated in Lubianka Prison for nearly a year and then, without trial, sentenced to 25 years as a spy.

Kaliniski has told his story to Swedish authorities in New York. The Swedish government may boycott the 1980 Moscow Olympic Games and demand an international investigation of the Wallenberg case.

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